

Livestock Review 2001

On January 1, 2002, 1.37 million head of **cattle and calves** were on farms in Alabama. Cash receipts from farm marketings totaled \$362.8 million. There was a 17 percent decrease in the number of cattle and calves marketed. Prices received by Alabama producers during 2001 increased to \$70.30 per cwt for cattle and \$100.00 for calves. **Beef cow** inventory increased 2 percent to 750,000 head and **beef cow replacement heifers**, at 102,000 head, were up 2 percent from the previous year. There were 20,000 **milk cows** in Alabama dairy herds, down 13 percent from 2001. The number of operations with milk cows during 2001 was estimated at 250. This number includes any operation with one or more milk cows. Milk produced in the State totaled 300 million pounds in 2001, 14 percent less than the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 14,286 pounds. Prices received for milk dropped to \$16.90 in 2001. Alabama cash receipts from milk increased 2 percent in 2001 to 50.2 million. All **hogs and pigs** on hand December 1, 2001 numbered 195,000 head. The number of **breeding hogs** held steady at 15,000 and total **market hogs**, at 180,000, were up 20 percent and 29,000 **sows** farrowed 249,000 pigs in 2001. The average number of pigs per litter was 8.59, compared with 8.41 in 2000. Cash receipts from hogs and pigs were \$31.2 million and the average price received per cwt was \$41.60.

Sales of **catfish** in Alabama decreased 14 percent to \$70.0 million during 2001. There were 240 operations in the State producing catfish on January 1, 2002. Water surface area was up 1,500 acres from last year, totaling 25,900 acres. **Honey production** in 2001 totaled 1.0 million pounds. There were 14,000 colonies producing honey in 2001. Yield per colony averaged 73 pounds, down 5 pounds from a year ago. The average price per pound was 71 cents, up 12 cents from 2000.

Livestock and Poultry Receipts, 2001

Commodity	Receipts - \$	Pct of Total
Broilers	2.00 bil.	71.2
Cattle & Calves	362.82 mil.	12.9
Eggs	265.39 mil.	9.4
Catfish	69.97 mil.	2.5
Dairy	50.19 mil.	1.8
Hogs	31.22 mil.	1.1
Other Lvstk and Poultry	30.80 mil.	1.1
Lvstk and Poultry, Total	2.81 bil.	100.0

Cash receipts for Alabama's livestock and poultry production steadily climbed during the past decade from \$2.13 billion in 1990 to a record high \$2.81 billion for 2001. Receipts for broilers and other poultry & egg products rose 13 percent in 2001, while cattle, calf and hog receipts decreased 17%. Catfish producers more than doubled their receipts during the past decade, going from \$31.0 million in 1990 to \$70.0 million.

Alabama: Record Year Of Livestock and Poultry

Livestock	Unit	Record Number	Year
Broiler Production, Annual	Mil Birds	1,039	2000
Beef Cows	Thou Hd	1,314	1976
Catfish Sales, Annual	Thou Dols	81,617	2000
Cattle and Calves, Jan 1.	Thou Hd	2,850	1976
Egg Production, Annual	Mil Eggs	3,354	1980
Hogs and Pigs, Inventory Dec 1.	Thou Hd	1,640	1897
Layer Inventory, Dec 1.	Mil Birds	14.60	1965
Milk Production, Annual	Mil Lbs	1,360	1944